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## Untrue, CIA Says

In an editorial in the Gazette of Jan. 2 entitled "Bow to the Image" assertions are made that USIA "withheld for several days the information that President Kennedy's accused assassin was a Communist sympathizer" and that the agency deleted pictures of a rabbi from a film "to avoid offending Arabs overseas."

Both these allegations are untrue.

The very first VOA reference to Oswald on the day of his capture refers to him as follows:

"Police say Oswald— a pro-Castro Marxist who went to the Soviet Union in 1959 — denied he had anything to do with the assassination." Indeed, throughout the period you refer to following Oswald's capture, continued reference to Oswald's political and personal background was broadcast by us to the entire world. Attached herewith are copies of the actual references of this type.

In connection with the incident of the alleged deletion of film footage of a rabbi, I enclose an exchange of letters between the acting head of USIA and the heads of nine national Jewish religious and civic organizations which is self-explanatory.

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